erally due to the growers not coming forward to collect the amounts or due to certain legal difficulties etc. Similar is the position in respect of claims earlier than 1984-85 seasons.

(c) Ensuring payment of cane price arrears is the direct responsibility of the State Governments who have the necessary field organizations and powers to enforce such payments. The Central Government monitors the position and requests the State Governments from time to time for expenditious clearance of the cane price arrears. The State Governments have very recently been addressed again to give special attention to the payment of cane price. The Central Government have in the last few years taken steps to improve the liquidity position of the industry to enable them to make quicker payments. During the current season, the statutory minimum price of sugarcane has been increased by Rs. 2.50 per quintal. Besides, the ratio of levy: levy free sugar has been changed from 65:35 to 55:45. These steps will have the effect of improving the liquidity of the sugar industry. The cane price dues have so far been much lower than the dues at the corresponding periods during the last 2-3 years.

Income-tax assessment of cetrain companies of Calcutta

101. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 816 given in Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1984 and furnish the uptodate information regarding income-tax assessments and returns filed by M|s. Eastern Silk Industries Ltd. and M/s. Gemini Overseas Ltd., of 16, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Calcutta, their Directors, partners and by their associate concerns and of the proceedings regarding completed assessments, amounts assessed to income-tax, appeals filed, results of appeals, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Rehabilitation of workers of sick and closed units

102. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any schemes to rehabilitate workers of sick and closed industrial units either by reopening such units or by some other means;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner the interests of such workers are proposed to be protected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Government have laid down policy guidelines to combat industrial sickness in the country according to which the Banks and Financial Institutions are required to monitor sickness and take corrective action to revive sick units. The Central and State Governments also provide various concessions and reliefs as part of rehabilitation packages formulated by Banks and Financial Institutions to nurse sick industrial units back to health.

Regional consultative committee for banks of the Eastern Region

103. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the next meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee of the nationalised banks for the Eastern Region is scheduled to be held;

(b) what will be the agenda for that meeting;

(c) whether the issue of loan melas will be included in the agenda; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The last meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee of the nationalised banks for the Eastern Region was held on 4th November, 1985 at Calcutta. Date for the next meeting has not so far been fixed.

(b) to (d) The agenda for the next meeting will be finalised only after the date for the meeting is fixed.

Reinvestment of funds by nationalised banks

104. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of reinvestment of funds by nationalised banks in the area where such funds originate, with region-wise details for the last six years; and

(b) what is the ratio of funds investment by nationalised banks in the area from where no funds originate, region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The question presumably relates to Credit Deposit Ration of banks in the various Regions. Region-wise Credit: Deposit Ratio as at the end of December 1979 to December 1984 of Public Sector Banks is set out below:—

(Credit : Deposit Ratio (%)

Region	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Northern Region . .	88·7	71·9	73·5	72·2	64·8	62·2
North-Eastern Region .	35·6	44·5	39·4	39·4	39·8	45·0
Eastern Region . .	56·0	54·5	52·9	55·3	53·6	52.5
Central Region .	46·2	45·8	49·8	49·3	47·4	48·4
Western Region . .	67·5	70·6	72·0	74·4	78·2	81·5
Southern Region . .	81·3	81·1	81·6	78·3	77·9	83·1

NOTE : For December 1979 data relates to S.B.I. Group and 14 Nationalised Banks and for subsequent years this is for S.B.I. Group and 20 Nationalised Banks.

(b) Nationalised Banks have raised deposits in each of the six regions. Thus there is no region wherefrom deposits raised may be treated as nil.

Decisions of the Regional Consultative Committee for Nationalised Banks for Eastern Region

105. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions were taken at the last meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee of the nationalised banks for the Eastern Region;

(b) how many of those decisions required follow-up action;

(c) whether follow-up action was initiated; if so, what are the details of the result achieved so far; and

(d) what is the improvement that resulted out of the decisions of the last meeting?